STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21584

This proposal would repeal Section 21-115, Idaho Code, State Designation of Airports. The existing statutory requirement for sponsors of proposed airports to obtain approval from the Idaho Transportation Department is no longer of value and only adds an administrative burden to airport sponsors. The federal government already requires notification of proposed airport construction under Title 14, USC, Part 157. Under this federal requirement, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reviews safety issues and control of navigable airspace. These applications are already carefully reviewed for approval by the FAA and local land use authorities. The land use issues involved are already the responsibility of local governments under the authority of Title 67, Idaho Code. Additionally, the Division of Aeronautics conducts airport inspections for the FAA and an airport must meet federal safety minimum requirements to be listed as a public airport. Repeal of Section 21-115, Idaho Code, would reduce no-value-added administrative requirements for local airport sponsors.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact if the bill passes or if the bill fails.

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